

### **Biographical references**

Reza Khatir was born in Tehran in 1951. In 1968 he moved to London to continue his education and while at university he discovered a passion for photography. In 1976, he interrupted his studies in food science to dedicate himself totally to a career in photography. He then spent a year in Paris before relocating permanently to Locarno in southern Switzerland in 1977. Having successfully completed a two year course in advanced photography in Milan, he started his professional career as a photo-reporter working on assignments for press agencies and magazines. After many journeys which equipped him with invaluable field experience, in 1981 he established his own photographic agency (SKYLITE) in Locarno. In 1986, he launched a magazine called FLAIM in Switzerland and later co-published CHIAROSCURO photo-magazine in Milan. Reza has since also published a number of art and photographic books, and continues to write articles about cinema and photography for the media and art magazines. His most recent publication is a pocket manual on portraiture photography. Reza also writes poetry in different languages which he occasionally publishes. Between 1981 to 1992 he worked exclusively with Polaroid Film in all their formats including, and very often, the 20"x24" (50x60cm) camera. From 1992 Reza took time away from photography to concentrate on his writing. In the years since, most of his work has been in black and white. In 1985 he was chosen as one of the 12 new Swiss photographers for Du Magazine by a jury of experts and Swiss museum curators, in 1991 he was one of the international photographers invited to participate in the exhibitions entitled "Voir la Suisse Autrement" to celebrate the 700 hundred years of the Swiss Confederation. He is also in 3 of the 5 "selections" of the Polaroid International Collection (Selections 2, 3 and 4). Works of Reza Khatir were included in the volume "photography 7th edition " published by Pearson Education, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, U.S.A.